

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16-39, and 41-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guell *et al.* (NPL Document "FLILO - an Enhanced Vision System", herein referred to as "Guell") in view of NASA *et al.* (NPL Document "NASA's High Speed Research Program", herein referred to as "NASA") in further view of Bernier *et al.* (US Pub 2004/0169663, herein referred to as "Bernier"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Independent claim 1, recites:

“computer executable instructions operable to:

...generate a common display area associated with at least two mutually exclusive windows of information on the display device, wherein the common display area includes selectable options to allow the operator to display detailed information related to the information displayed in at least one of the associated windows.”

Bernier does not disclose or suggest selectable options in the common display area "to allow the operator to display detailed information related to information displayed in at least one of the associated windows" Additionally, Bernier does not teach that the detailed information is related to the information displayed in the associated windows. Rather, Bernier teaches that the virtual displays may be a moving map and/or a rear-facing camera similar to a rear-view mirror. (Bernier [0100]). The rear-facing camera is independent of the moving map and the fused image and is therefore not detailed information related to the information displayed in the fused image and the moving map. The windows are completely disassociated. Claim 1 is distinguishable from Bernier, NASA, and Guell, alone and in combination, for at least these reasons.

Claims 2 - 14 depend from Claim 1 and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. Allowance of Claims 1-14 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 16 includes display devices "positioned to provide the portion of a desired out-the window visual scene in combination with a window that allows the operator to view another real-world portion of the out-the-window visual scene, further wherein the

images on the first and second display devices are aligned together with the real-world view out the window view to meet operational field-of-view requirements." Claim 16 is distinguishable from the cited references for at least these reasons.

Independent Claims 24 and 37 include distinguishing features similar to Claim 16.

Claims 17-23, 25-36, and 38-39, 41-47 depend from Claim 16, 24 and 37, respectively, and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. Allowance of Claims 16-23, 25-39 and 41-47 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the application, including all remaining Claims 1-14, 16-39, and 41-47 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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